

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Accordingly, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. **If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues, or believes that some or all of the claims are not in condition for allowance, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned to schedule a telephone Examiner Interview before any further actions on the merits.**

The applicants will now address each of the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action.

Objections

Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were found to include allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form to include the elements of the rejected base claim 1, and claims 8 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form to include the elements of rejected base claim 7. Accordingly, these claims are now in condition for allowance. Further, since claim 3 depends from claim 2, and since claims 5 and 6 depend, either directly or

indirectly, from claim 4, these claims are also now in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

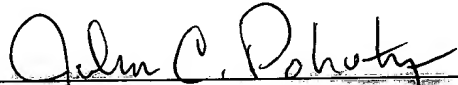
Claims 1 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,801,496 ("the Saleh patent"). Since these claims have been canceled, this ground of rejection is rendered moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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